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ANOTHER FIRST IN FLORIDA

Mayday-Mayday

Is your Hamshack in distress? Come to the Orlando (Mayday) Hamfest and win a new beam or one of the Swan 350's. Wouldn't that brighten your Mayday and your Hamshack?

All the roads in Florida lead to the Cherry Plaza in Orlando, April 30-May 1.

The format this year has been changed. Instead of the Sunday luncheon there will be a Saturday night dinner followed by good entertainment, live orchestra and dancing.

There will be so many forums we are sure you will find several covering your particular interests in Ham radio. The electronic distributers will display all the latest equipment.

There will be some real goodies for prizes this year including two Swan 350's. There will be plenty of chairs in that big, beautiful Egyptian room, overlooking the swimming pool, Lake Eola and the beautiful colored fountain, for all those eyeball QSO's.

See you at the Orlando Hamfest.

SILENT KEY

We are deeply sorry to report the passing of the following Florida amateurs:

Art Benzee, W4FE, Howey-in-the-Hills.

Bill Struth, W4BHW, Jacksonville.

FLORIDA SKIP is happy to announce another BIG FIRST in Florida, maybe even the nation. Printed below is a column sent us by Don Fischer, WA-4CJG, Club Correspondent for the Tampa Amateur Radio Club. (W4DUG) It was transmitted via Amateur Radioteletype. Don gave the copy to Rex Peters, W4ZAG in Tampa, Net Mgr of the Florida Amateur Teletype Traffic net (FATT) which meets nightly on 3700kc. Rex sent it to Bob Street, W4IET in Miami Springs (who lives only 2 blocks from office of FS). Bob gave it to number one son Bobby who "biked" it over.

Here is a perfect example of what RTTY can do with strings of long traffic, be it for civil defense, Red Cross, Road Department, or even the press. Our thanks to all who made this FIRST IN FLORIDA possible. Has it been done elsewhere in the USA? - Please let us know. (Editor)

Here is the Old Master himself — Rex Peters, W4ZAG of Tampa. Rex is Net Mgr of the Florida Amateur Teletype Traffic (FATT) net which meets nightly at 2330 GMT (6:30 pm) on 3705 kc. If you ever had an urge to "go teletype" now is the time. Rex is the man to take lessons from. Read FIRST IN FLORIDA also RTTY column in this issue. (Photo by WA4GDS)

TAMPA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

By Don Fischer, WA4CJG

Another year and another State Fair has come to a successful end. The Tampa Amateur Radio Club once again served the people who attended the fair and the Fair Association by operating the Radio Station so that all visitors could send messages to friends and loved ones in the United States and in the overseas locations of our service personnel. A great big "THANK YOU" goes to W3CUL, W4LEV, W4KIS, WA-4SCK, WB4AIW, WA4IJH, W8-UPH, WIPEX, WLGG who gave many hours in arranging the schedules and taking traffic from W4DUG at the Fair Grounds.

Also many thanks to all the many people who helped on the counter and making the arrangements that the Club could carry on this service.

February 21st meeting of the Club played host to the wives and lady friends of members in showing off the new furnishings and equipment. A special program was presented to these fine people which gave them some idea of what "Hams" do, especially for their club. A good time was had and meeting was well attended.

The Tampa Amateur Radio Club is fortunate to have as one of its members Rex, W4-

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Letters

Dear Andy:

Received my expiration notice today, thanks for the reminder, wouldn't want to miss a single copy of SKIP, so here's my two bux for another year of very informative reading.

A pet peeve here is the fellow who sends CW with a beautiful fist when calling CQ, then sounds like he throws a tantrum going into his call...

(The use of we was OK with us until we heard "WE ARE A SOLDIER")

Continued success in 66.

73
Chet WA4SCJ
Tampa

Editor SKIP:

Just moved to Miami from Berlin, Germany.

Read a sample copy of your publication, looks real good so enclosed find check and application for your FLORIDA SKIP.

K. W. Raymond
WA2TQJ/DJØFY

Tropical Hamboree

The annual Tropical Hamboree and SE Div. ARRL Convention, held Jan. 22 and 23, as usual was a big success. Well over 1500 attended at the Bayfront Park Auditorium. All programs were well attended. FCC examinations were also given during this period. The Saturday night banquet was attended by over 300 prominent amateurs. Lou McCoy, W1ICP of ARRL and Gus Browning W4BPD of DX fame, explained how to get to the top of the DX Honor Roll for only $25 per QSL.

The manufacturers' exhibits and other displays were most interesting. It was a pleasure to many to be able to examine the insides of all the latest amateur equipment. The swap shop was extremely busy as usual. Not to mention the number of eyeballs held between old on-the-air friends. If you missed this one, make plans to attend next year.

Second Fla. Q.S.O. Party

FLORIDA SKIP, the All Florida Amateur Radio publication, is happy to announce the Second FLORIDA QSO PARTY to be held April 2nd and 3rd, 1966. All Amateurs are invited to participate. Florida amateurs are urged to work as many out of state stations as possible, as well as those within the state.

CONTEST PERIODS: 1400-2000, 0000-0500, 1400-2400, all times GMT.

NO POWER RESTRICTIONS or time limit.

SUGGESTED FREQUENCIES: CW 1815, 3530, 7030, 14, 030, 21, 030, 28, 030, 145, 2 and 50, 230.

SCORING: There are a couple of gimmicks here that are just a bit different and may stimulate interest:

Florida station, 1 point per QSO x number of states, Canadian Provinces and counties.

Other stations in Florida may be worked but only for contact points and to work their W.A.F. C. (Worked All Florida Counties) Award, but no other multiplier except as a state.

Other stations: One point per QSO x number of Florida counties worked. Bonus points will be given for working Florida counties as follows: First 20, 50 points. Second 20 counties 200 points. Third 20 counties 500 points. All 67 counties 1500 points.

Phone and CW contests separate scoring. Stations may be contacted on each band (i.e., 1815, 3530, etc.) for points.

CERTIFICATES: Awarded to highest scoring station in each state, Canadian Province and foreign country (with 5 or more contacts) and each entry from Florida county.

CONTACT INFO REQUIRED: Serial number, RST, county for Florida stations, all others state, province or country.

LOGS: All logs must be postmarked no later than April 30, 1966 and mailed to: FLORIDA SKIP, Contest Chairman, P.O. Box 501, Miami Springs, Florida 33166.

If this contest goes over well, it will be considered for a possible annual contest with perhaps better prizes. GOOD LUCK TO ALL.

73,
David L. Hayden, W4WHK
Contest Chairman
Florida QSO Party

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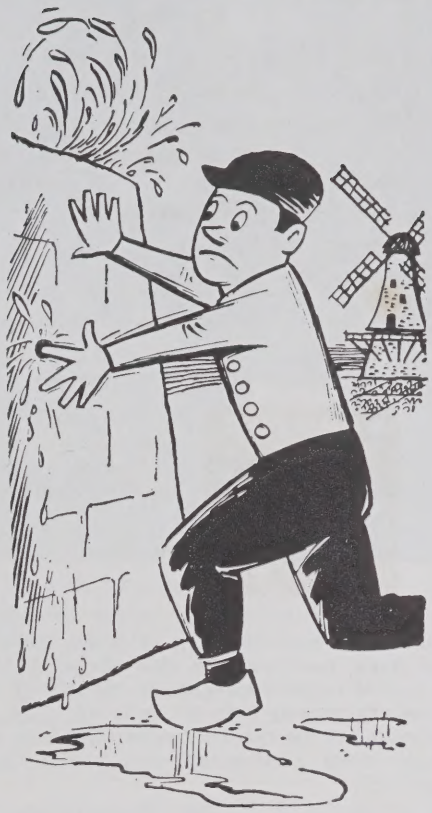

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SILENT KEY

Arthur H. (Art) Benzee, W4FE of Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla. joined the honored ranks of Silent Keys on Wednesday Jan-26, 1966, just two days after his seventieth birthday. He was a retired railroad telegrapher, member of the Old, Old Timer's Club. Previously held the calls 8A, 8MM, 8FE and W4YV. Art belonged to the Quarter Century Wireless Ass'n, Lake Amateur Radio Club, Confederate signal corps, R.O.W.H., A-1 Operator Club.

Art served as Section Communication Manager for Eastern Florida. He encouraged the formation of and coined the name "Floridora's" for the state organization of women Amateurs: they made him their first "Floridaddy."

His survivors are a stepson, James Arthur, and his wife Ruth, K4ANR to whom may we extend our condolences, in their bereavement. (Photo via W4BKC)

Amateur Needed

There is a need for any Dade County amateur who holds a General Class license or better to take on the duties of ARRL emergency coordinator. This is a most important job. One of the most important in amateur radio.

With over 1600 amateurs in Dade County do we have just one who is willing to take on this important job?

For further details contact your eastern Florida section emergency coordinator for ARRL, Andy Clark W4IYT, 41 Lenape Dr., Miami Springs. Phone 888-3874.

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The caption was meant to catch the eye, because we think this QTC should go to every op, fone as well as CW. I am an 00, and while I don't exactly love the work, I have been an 00 since 1961 only because the work is necessary and some one must do it.

To get to the point—please, please give honest reports to the stations you work. If his QRI is T6, give him T6, so that he will know something is wrong and needs to be checked into. On fone, if his signal is flat topping or has hum, tell him so in order that he can correct it.

I am sure it must be very confusing, if not irritating, to receive an 00 card reporting your signal as 5-8-6, and your log for that day shows T9 reports received before and after the 00 logging. There is no justification whatever for withholding a bad report; you are not being fair to your fellow amateur when you do. Let me here exclude from this plea your reports to DX stations. If you need that QSL for DXCC, if you think a bare faced lie will bring it home, give him 5-9-9! We are not concerned here with possible FCC action against W/VE ops, which is, after all, the primary objective of the 00 program.

So again, fellows give honest reports and thereby help put us 00s out of business. I sure would like to get back into those contests again. 73.

Ray DeWageneire,
W4VWL
Jensen Beach

SCM's CORNER E/F

By "Ham" Hamel K4SJH-SCM EFLA.

In a recent Communications Department bulletin George Hart W1NJM came out with a term that seemed to fill a void—Incentive Operating. This seems to be something more desirable than anything else that I can think of at this time. Most of our troubles stem from a desire to bend our operating habits toward individuality instead of uniform practice even though common sense tells us that uniform habits and procedure lend themselves to more solid communications and ease of operating for all concerned. Isn't it much easier if you know what should be coming next and are looking for it especially when conditions are not the best?

This may come as a surprise to many but we DO have a rather hefty incentive to better operating that should be a challenge to anyone who DESIRES to be considered one of the best. Have you ever heard of the A-1 Operators club? Pick up your handbook or a copy of the ARRL booklet "Operating an Amateur Radio Station" and you will find therein a well written description of just what the A-1 Operators Club is, what it means, and what you will have to accomplish to be considered for membership. Now, if this were an appointment based on a decision of a League Official I would expect you to possibly sniff (rather audibly) and probably remark that "it isn't what you know but who you know." This is far from the truth. Membership in this club is obtained through recommendations made to Headquarters by two amateurs who are already members of this select group.

Make no mistake. Membership in this club requires that you meet HIGH standards as set forth by Headquarters. This is NOT a "dime-a-dozen" certificate. It is highly regarded by all and those possessing one have the right to feel mighty proud of the fact that other highly qualified operators consider them operators of a high caliber good enough to join their ranks. It is possible that friendship may enter into the picture (even with two operators concerned) but let's not forget the provision that ANY member of this club can, at any time, based on sufficient evidence, cause an obviously poor choice to be cancelled out. This same action can take place if a member slips too badly and persists, after warning, in being other than he should be.

If you are an operator who aspires to be recognized as really GOOD, you must read this article on the A-1 Operators Club. Pattern your operating habits accordingly. As you will note, this covers ALL categories of operators whether traffic, DX, or "you-name-it."

All of you who are already members of this exclusive club, dust off your certificates and take another look at yourselves. Do you still measure up? If not, then why not do something about it—before someone else does it for you? Those of you who hold membership are requested to pay a bit more attention to the operating habits of others. There are some now, and I am certain that there will be others in the future, that should be members. All that is needed is an interest on your part. Don't worry about the second recommending party. There may be several sending in recommendations on any particular operator. Headquarters keeps these things in an active file and continually refers to them for the necessary two recommendations.

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SUNDAY, May 1 – Knights of the Kilocycle Breakfast, Forums, Electronic shows, Prize drawings, Mars (Army, Air Force and Navy), Races & Arec Meetings, Floridora Annual Business Meeting.
1:30 Main Prizes (you can start home early)

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TICKET CHAIRMAN – Sam Strzelczyk, WA4YZH, 1104 Hall Lane, Pinecastle, Fla.

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REPORT ON LEAGUE OFFICIALS MEETING AT

Southeastern Div. Convention of ARRL

Miami Tropical Hamboree
January 22 & 23, 1966

On Saturday afternoon a meeting of ARRL Officials, ARRL Appointees, Representatives of AREC and Traffic Nets met in the Municipal Auditorium.

Present at the meeting were: Lewis G. McCoy W1ICP, ARRL; Robert M. Booth W3PS, ARRL Legal Council; Chuck Bolvin W-4LVV, S.E. Division Director; Albert "Ham" Hamel K4SJH, S.E. Division Vice-Director and SCM E. Florida; Andy Clark W-41YT, SEC E. FLorida; George Thurston W4MLE, SEC W. Florida; Frank Butler W4RKH, SCM W. FLorida; Out of State League Officials were: Gil Crosley, W3YA, Atlantic Division; Billy Craft K4KJD, SCM Alabama; Barnett S. Dobb W4BNU, SCM No. Carolina: Jamers W. Bottsford W4MFK, SEC No. Carolina.

The meeting chairman, Chuck Bolvin welcomed the group and proceeded with the business at hand. Chuck brought out the information of a --forthcoming booklet called the ARRL Operating Manual which was written by George Thurston W4MLE. George explained that it will be a very detailed manual that will cover just about any operating condition from the Novice to Emergency Conditions and will be ready for release by the League sometime in March or April of this year.

Andy Clark told the group of a change in ARPSC Net "B." The new frequency will be 3950 KC. He also mentioned that there are 1307 amateurs in Florida who are members of ARPSC. He talked seriously about the need of 26 counties who have NO Emergency Coordinators or ARPSC Programs. Andy also gave recognition to the following Outstanding EC's: W4FPC, W4KRC, W-4FP, WA4SCK, W4GUJ and K4-MTP.

Chuck spoke of the S.E. Division League Building Fund. "Please talk to the members," he said, "the Southeastern Division needs approximately $5200 to meet our commitment to the Building Fund. For each dollar donated toward the cost of the new ARRL Headquarter building, the League will match it dollar for dollar," he added, "we're still too near the bottom and I'm sure we can do something about it."

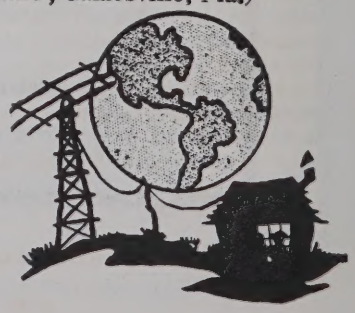
Ham Hamel made his report; and along with Frank Butler, both took great pride in knowing that Florida stands TOPS in net activity and traffic handled. Both encouraged more net participation due to large amounts of traffic arriving from Viet Nam and asked all not to leave any of this traffic stand without sending it to its destination. Ham mentioned further that the state of Florida needed 00's badly.

Chuck was asked, as Director, what were his plans in reference to the number and locations of Assistant Directors in this Division. He told the group that he was still working on a plan to reduce the number of Assistant Directors to approximately twelve hardworking, pro-ARRL members who can and are willing to speak authoritively on ARRL matters in the areas they will represent. He said that he is looking for people who are willing to travel throughout the area, to speak before clubs and groups, to represent the ARRL and be directly responsible to the Director in all ARRL matters. His tenative plans are to have an Assistant Director in the following areas of the Southeastern Division: the North Alabama area; the Birmingham – Montgomery area; the Atlanta area; Savannah–Brunswick area; the Columbus-South Georgia area; the Jacksonville – Jacksonville Beach area; the Orlando–Cape Kennedy area; the Tampa–St. Pete –Sarasota area; the Puerto Rico area; and the Canal Zone area.

Chuck is also planning a News Letter to be mailed out to all ARRL members in the Division approximately every six months.

During the meeting, the Out of State League Officials were asked to speak on conditions in their respective areas and sections . Their interesting remarks and comments were well received.

(Submitted by Bill Wells, K4-RDP, Gainesville, Fla.)



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3RD PARTY. The last year has seen some additions to the list of nations with agreements (effectuated under ITU provisions) permitting limited handling of third-party communications by amateurs, where not important enough to justify recourse to commercial or government circuits. So we update the prefix list, to aid in your general monitoring watchfulness at all times to report and send advisory notices, where amateur communications are NOT specifically covered by agreements. PREFIXES REPRESENTING NATIONS PERMITTING 3RD PARTY WITH U.S. AMATEURS: CE, CM, CO, CP, EL, HC, HH, HI, HK, HP, HR, OA, PY, TI, VE, VO, XE, XP, YN, YS, YV, ZP, 4X.

Prefixes of those permitting unimportant 3rd party MSGS with Canadian amateurs: CE CP HR K OA TI W XE YS YV.

(Clip out and save. Tell your friends!)

(From FMT Bulletin)

Dear Mabel

Dear Mabel,

Is there any way to get my husband to cut down on his hamming? Every spare minute he gets is spent on the air or working on the rig.

Crystal Diode

Dear Crystal,

I will not answer this question for three reasons: (1) Hams are nice people and should be encouraged. (2) If your husband wasn't hamming in his spare time, being a man, he might be doing something worse. (3) If I knew an answer to this one I might try it myself.

Mabel

Dear Mabel,

My wife has never been what you would call real bright, but in recent weeks she is goofier than ever. What should I do with her?

Wondering

Dear Wondering,

Now you stop that, Clyde. I know your writing.

Mabel

Dear Gladys and Mabel,

I am interested in low-distortion modulation for clipped speech. I have found that most inexpensive modulation transformers have a rather poor low-frequency response and when they are hit with a square wave in the range of 300-1000 cycles the results are not good. It isn't detrimental as far as unclipped speech is concerned, but does defeat the purpose of clipped speech since the modulation transformer alters the wave form and introduces sharp peaks with low energy content. I know I could buy a transformer with excellent low-frequency response but with the power I'm running it would be pretty expensive. What do you think of using a negative-feedback system instead?

Technician

Dear Technician,

Uh, would you mind repeating the question?

Mabel

Dear Mabel,

My wife and her mother insist that I'm going to the opera with them. They are wearing formal dresses but I don't own a tux or dinner jacket. What should I wear?

Guy Wire

Dear Guy,

Your foam padded headset.

Mabel

Mobile On VHF

On Saturday, January 8th at 8:00 AM, two mobiles left Miami heading up the Sunshine State Parkway to Ft. Pierce. K4ANW, Ted with a center roof mounted gain antenna, with 15 watts output, and W4TQH, Jay, with a gutter mounted gain antenna and 40 watts output.

The weather was cloudy and cool. The equipment was 2 meter wide band FM operating on 146.90. Constant contact was kept with Miami stations, WA-4JBI, Don, using a plus sign yagi at 50 feet with 200 watts output, and W4WHU, Don, using a spiralray at 25 feet with 30 watts output, K4SJT, Sam, at Ft. Lauderdale, using a 16 element colinear at 20 feet and 225 watts output maintained contact with the mobiles all the way to the Ft. Pierce interchange.

WA4JBI and W4WHU began to lose contact when the mobiles crossed the Okeechobee Waterway, but contact was again made North of Stuart. Ted and Jay would call out the mile markers as they made checks with each other and the base stations. They set up their rigs portable and using a fixed antenna proceeded to make more checks with the stations down south throughout the morning and afternoon.

On the return trip darkness had set in and readable contacts were not obtained until about 7:00 PM at the Delray Beach exit, although carriers from the mobiles could be heard much earlier. It was an enjoyable and interesting day for all, for a group using different rigs with various power outputs, and antennas at different heights and locations.

"Yes, I'm using the heating pad again! What are you going to do about it?"

In Miami, we count about 35 call signs on the FM frequency, many of whom are constantly experimenting and trying different rigs and antennas. When a mobile transmitter in Stuart can open the squelch on an FM receiver in Miami, it can be called exceptional or freak conditions, but by all who participated and listened it will be talked about for a long time. See you vertically polarized.

Don and Judy
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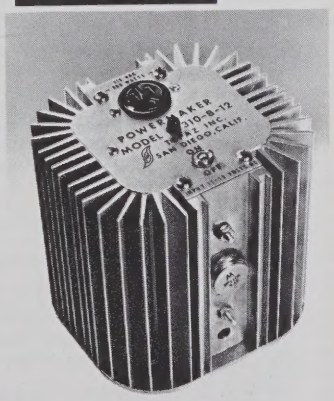

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CLUB NEWS

WEST PALM BEACH

By Roy F. Carter WA4SFF

The West Palm Beach Radio Club met on January 10th at the QTH of the Eggerts in Lake Worth. Among the topics of conversation was the newly proposed Sail Fish Certificate which is to be worked on. All who attended seemed to enjoy themselves and the refreshments very much, but the highlight to me was the beauty of the Eggerts' new shack which houses a very fine array of gear.

The highlight of the month's activities came on January 26th when the club was honored by a visit and a lecture by Lewis McCoy W1ICP. Lew's talk was on Antennas and Feedlines and was not only well presented but all questions were very clearly and distinctly answered.

Lew was introduced by Twisty Ljongquist W4DWK, a close friend of his now living in the Palm Beaches. The club owes a debt of gratitude to Twisty for making this fine talk possible.

CONCH NET NEWS

By Lew Salter WA4SEO

The Key West Amateur Radio Club held its regular bi-monthly meeting on January 24 at the home of Vic Jeter WA4YZF our newly elected president. At this same meeting we elected Frank Forrestal WA4VZD as vice-president and Arnold Cheek W4-PSZ is our secretary-treasurer.

Several topics were discussed. It was decided that a new class in theory would be given by the club in preparation for the new incentive licensing. In conjunction with this the club is also activating our CW net.

The club is preparing for the County Fair which will be held the last week in February and through the first week of March. This year we are not going to send messages but we will operate on a person to person basis. We are doing this because in past years it put too much work on all members, due to the large response of the public.

Many of our club members journeyed to Miami to the Tropical Hamboree last month including yours truly. Everyone enjoyed themselves at the Hamboree.

For all you certificate hunters the Key West Amateur Radio Club issues a very nice certificate to any Ham who works five members of our club or five Hams in Monroe County. That will be all for this month and hope to see you next month.

73
Lew

FMTN

By W4SDR

The Florida Midday Traffic Net (FMTN), in its ninth year of operation, appears to be a healthy and vigorous institution. As customary, the annual election was held in January, each net member sending his vote for net manager to the SCM, K4SJH. Re-elected net manager was yours truly and runner up was Charlie W4AKB, Miami who becomes assistand net manager; both of us to serve to Feb. 1, 1967. Thank you for your confidence in us and we sincerely hope you won't be disappointed. However, let me again remind you that the success of FMTN is creditable to you fine people who check in faithfully and often and to the competent staff of control stations. We were saddened by the passing of one of our chapter members; Art Benzee W4FE, Howey in the Hills. Our kindest to Ruth K4ANR. We welcome Hank K4EVY of Davey, our newest member. Birch WB4AIW is helping mightily with the out of state and our faithful Fred W4TUB is back in action too. The big noise you hear is K4DAX's new liniar, wow Herb. Missing are Gene K4MTP and Henry WA4-OWG. Both with big troubles. Too much hamboree Henry? HI. Kris WA4GDC is alternate NCS and doing a good job. Trafffic totals for January showed 618 checkins, 405 formal messages handled in 26 sessions for an average per session of 23.8 stations and 15.6 pieces of traffic. Thanks again and keep your feet warm.

BARC

By Jim Wilson WA4RXG

The activities of BARC for the coming year have been divided up into the following committees: Emergency, Program, Auction, Finance, Special Events, Bulletin, TVI and By-Laws. Active chairmen are being named for each.

Scouts from all over South Florida came to Holiday Park in Ft. Lauderdale the first weekend in February for a Jamboree. Special guests were scout representatives from Ft. Lauderdale's sister city, Medellin, Columbia. BARC was asked to furnish communications equipment. Russ Olmsted took his transceiver to the park where he and Russ Stone shared operating time with some of the scouts. Many stations and foreign countries were worked with a makeshift antenna.

It was recently decided that certain deserving people should be made honorary members of BARC. At the last meeting the following were so designated and suitable certificates were given: Mrs. Oliver Lovendahl, Charles Bolvin W4LVV (our famous auctioneer), Edgar Wheeler W1CDT. While talking with your correspondent from Northern Maine where he now lives, Ed Wheeler said, "It was wonderful of the Club to do this for me. My certificate is framed and I have it on the wall of my radio room where I can show it to everyone. I am very proud of it."

At the executive meeting it was decided to have a "Home brew" meeting of the club to which members were supposed to bring any piece of equipment which they had made out of "spare parts." This should be very interesting and informative.

Our meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 8 PM in the Broward County Medical Association building on South Andrews Ave., Ft. Lauderdale. You are cordially invited.

Everyone is likewise invited to attend our Club's annual auction of ham gear which will be held at the local National Guard Armory March 19, at State Rd. 84 and SW 4th Ave., Ft. Lauderdale from 8 AM to 5 PM. If you have something to sell or want to get a good buy come to the auction. There will be loads of bargains.

This neat three station set-up belongs to the Eglin Amateur Radio Society, Eglin AFB, Fla. — W9SRX. Oprs L-R: K4LXV, WA3BVI and custodian/Trustee/SCM W. Fla. Frank Butler, W4RKH. Glad see they like our lil SKIP calendar. Did you get yours free with a SASE? (Photo via W4RKH)

GAINESVILLE AMA

By Bill Wells, K4RDP

The following new officers will guide the destiny of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society for the next year; Ted Campbell K4DTM, President; Mich Hudson W4UUW, Vice-President; and Bill Wells K4RDP, Sec-Treasurer. Ted plans on holding more Executive Committee meetings to expidite matters of lesser importance, thereby allowing more time at regular meetings for guest speakers, movies, special programs, technical talks, etc.

At the February meeting our guest speaker was Mr. Walter Murphee of the State Civil Defense Office. He spoke about Fallout and Radiation, emphasizing the need of more of the general public to build their own shelters for survival. Along with his talk he presented us with a movie showing the real dangers of radiation and fallout, which was very thought provoking. Our gracious thanks for this enlightening presentation.

Members of GARS welcomed back an old friend Dick "Pete" Peterson K4RUU after an absence of five years. Pete graduated from Univ. of Florida and went straight to Bell Labs. Pete and family are now back in good ole G'ville and he's now an engineer in Quality Control at the local Sperry-Rand plant. Very happy to have you back with us, Pete.

Walt Johnston W4TKE, Past President of GARS went to the recent Tropical Hamboree and had the honor and privilege of bringing back to G'ville that beautiful (the big one) Florida Skip Trophy. This was earned by the GARS making most number of points in Florida during 1965 Field Day exercise. Needless to say it was very well received by the members and we're very grateful to Florida Skip and to Mr. A. C. for making it available to Florida Clubs. It is now on display at the local Thurow Distributers store, for ALL to admire.

One of our more likable members and hard workers was given a promotion and has moved to Lake City. We're gonna miss Hatz Alderman K4JUZ and his lovely family. Hatz promises to keep in touch with GARS/K4DPZ via ten meter FM and will be back to help out again on Field Day. Good Luck in your new position Hatz.

Membership and interest is picking up now and we'll have more for you next month.

73,
Bill

ORLANDO RAMBLINGS

Hal, W4BKC

With deep regret we learned of the death of Arthur H. (Art) Benzee W4FE, Howey in the Hills, Fla. Many amateurs both in and out of state had enjoyed a visit to "Benzee's Barn" as Art used to call it.

He assisted in the organizing of the women amateurs of the state and coined the name for the group; "Floridoras." In appreciation of his efforts they made him their first "Floridaddy."

As a former SCM E. FLa. he was a familiar figure at hamfests, and until recently was very active in traffic nets.

Art was a member of the Old Old Timers Club, The QCWA and many other groups from the early days of amateur radio. He had held the calls 8A, 8MM, 8FE and W4YV.

He is survived by his wife Ruth, K4ANR and a stepson, James Arthur to whom we extend our condolences.

Gus Browning, W4BPD was guest at a club dinner Feb. 5 at the Colonial Cafeteria where he recounted some of the experiences from the many DXpeditions in which he has participated. Many of the amateurs who have worked Gus availed themselves of this opportunity to meet him in person.

On Feb. 17th again at the Colonial Cafeteria the local amateurs had an opportunity to meet and talk with Bob Templer, G3RDX and his Boss lady. Bob is hoping to be the first G3 to work under a W4 call through the new reciprocity agreement between G.B. and the U.S.

He will be operating out of a camper, if he can secure a rig; activity will be on 80. Bob says it is not a Dx expedition, Hi.

If you are in the Area, The Orlando Amateur Radio Club Inc. meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Red Cross Building, Bumby and Central at 8 P.M.

The Roar Of Mud Turkle

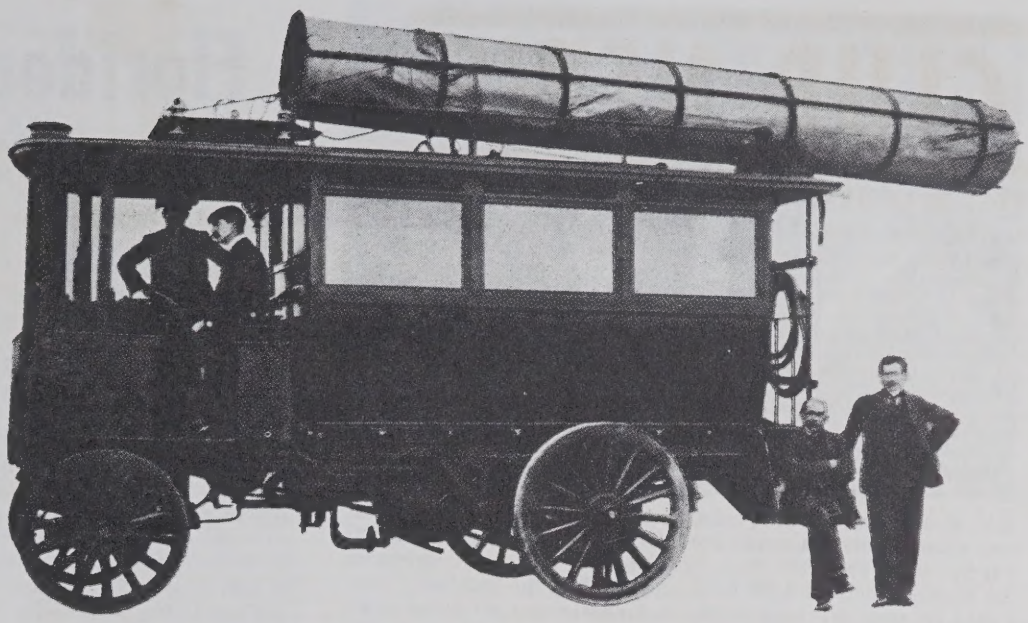
(The keeper of the Mud Turkle, W4DVT, reports he has detected some rumblings of late from the long-dormant beast. He does want it understood that the style, if not the content, of the "Roar" is inspired by the pre-War "Owl Juices" of Dixie Jones, W4IR. Owl or Turkle, we hope to hear from the crittur often! -- ed.)

THEY AIN'T NO DOUBT: Break-in's about the handiest thing since the invention of the ham sanwitch. Only thing I can think of would save more wasted effort would be a law against callin' CQ DX. Unfortunately, they is some askpecks of break-in that's about to give me apoplexy.

One is the guy which proudly tells ya QSK an then drops into a short fade in some part of the message. You hit the key— he keeps on sendin' — You hit again — he keeps on sendin'. In desperation, you lather the ether with a string of dahs— he keeps on sendin'. By this time, you done missed so much of the message, you practically gotta ask him to send the whole thing again. Life would be simpler if this kind would keep you in the dark about the up-to-dateness of his gear an operatin' ability.

Another maddenin' case is the guy who ain't gonna waste no time lissening to you send stuff he doesn't know what it means. Let him miss a letter an BLAM! he's in there breakin' you. It don't make no difference that what he woulda copied was "R OSEVELT". He breaks you when he misses that first O. Even if it was gonna be a hard name like mebbe "CZIERNUWICZ", he ain't willin' to copy as much as he can an then try again when I repeat it. He breaks me after the first Z. Put me together with one of these apes, throw in a little QRN, and in about two minutes, if I had a radio matter-transmission like in them science-fiction novels, I'd give him a fat lip.

--W4DVT
(NCN Bulletin)



Dear Mabel sent us the above. Believe it or not it is the worlds first mobile. Mabel said "And then they invented the first commercial and he drove it off a cliff."

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FROM BOULDER COLORADO: "...The National Bureau of Standards radio station WWV will be removed from Greenbelt, Md. to Fort Collins, Colo. during 1966.

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(W1BDI FMT Bulletin)

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Bill Blasingame W4NEV, past President of the Beaches Amateur Radio Society accepts the FLORIDA SKIP SINGLE XMTR FIELD DAY TROPHY from Skip Editor. The BARS turned in the highest score of 4290 point. Bill said at the Hamboree they would be after the 1966 trophy and challenges all other Florida Clubs. (Photo via WA4NEV)

Dear Mabel Award

Please consider my nomination of my XYL for one of the XYL certificates. Her name is Edna S. Summers, and she has had her license (the marriage kind) for more years then she cares to have me remind her of.

Her patience and tolerance of my CQ's, QSO's, and QRM, not to mention TVI, make her deserving of highest honors. I have taught her all about "88", but still have hopes of being able to turn her into a full-fledged licensed Novice one of these days.

The column "Bless the XYL's" in the January SKIP echoes my sentiments exactly.

Ted Summers, W4WWR
Rt. 2, Box 385
Homestead, Florida

Yesterday

The year was 1925. The article said the antenna must be tuned to resonance. I had no more of an idea of what resonance meant than I had of solving all of the present world problems. I had no handbook only a few old journals of my father's that dated back to 1910. I could find decrement but not resonance. So what did I do? I juggled the clips on the home-made #8 copper wire tank coil until the old VT2 made noise in the receiver. I clipped the antenna and counterpoise up and down the coil until it stopped. Than I backed off a little until it again started.

I spent three nights calling CQ and everyone I could hear and then one morning about 9 AM some guy answered me and confound it I was so stupified that I could not even answer him.

Boy what a feeling.

Onyx

ARPSC NET TOTALS

NET	QNI	QTC	SESSIONS	AVG QTC
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GATOR	243	155	31	5.0
WFPN	714	175	31	5.64
FPTN	406	204	26	8.0
FMTN	618	405	26	15.6
TPTN	642	158	26	6.1
VHFTN	No report submitted.			
QFN	715	259	60	5.1
RATT	192	29	31	.93

NOTES: Congrats to QFN with largest QNI. RATT needs more traffic to match those excellent check-ins. Give fellers.

Floridora News

By Cathy Soehl - W4BAV

The S.E. Division ARRL Convention & Tropical Hamboree, held in Miami, January 22nd & 23rd, was well attended in spite of some inclement weather. The Floridoras had their station, WA4RXP on the air with the rig donated by Floridora Daddy-W4FE a couple years ago. The booth was set up in the Bayfront Park Auditorium, with coffee & cookies available, & was a busy place with Floridoras coming & going, besides the many OMs stopping in to yack with the gals. A "Dutch" luncheon was held at the Alcazar Hotel Coffee Shop, Sat. at 1 PM.. There was no scheduled business meeting, but President, K4UIZ-Ev was trying to "corral" all Floridoras to get a vote on the question of whether we should sponsor the same foreign YL as last year.

The YL International Sidebanders, of whom many Floridoras are also members, had a booth at the Hamboree, with an on the air station set up. They held their luncheon Sat. in the Biscayne Terrace Hotel, & K4RHL-Ellie, who made the arrangements, was complimented for a successful affair.

Former Floridora & SPARCYLS member, WA4HDL - Rickey Gabbert is now WA8RSV, QTH 2712 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak, Mich.. Her OM, Chuck, who was WA4APO is now WA8RSU. They were former residents of Tampa, then moved to Winter Haven & have just heard of their move to Michigan. Sorry to lose them in Fla. but wish them luck.

Floridora Pres., K4UIZ-Ev is to be congratulated on one important accomplishment during this year. The Floridora Girl has been copyrighted. Thanks, Ev.

We hear by the grapevine that W4QBY-Dot is getting a Swan linear amplifier, so watch out gals she does not damage your speaker.

Floridora charter member, W4GXZ, also KILZT-Blanche, will be installed as Worthy Matron of the Framingham Chapter of Order of Eastern Star, April 18th.

K4LCD-Margaret is back on the air, working 20 & 40-meters Mondays through Saturdays, 5 P.M., so look for her about 7280 KC.

Don't forget the Floridora Net meets every Tuesday, 9:00 A.M., on 3933 KC. The first Tuesday of each month, Pres. Ev conducts a business meeting, starting the Net at 8:00 AM.

Also mark your calendars now for April 30th & May 1st for the Orlando Hamfest, where the Floridoras have their Birthday Party & annual meeting, with election of officers.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to W4JCR-Anita, whose OM, W4JCS-"Curly" passed away December 26th.

WA4KYA-Vivian & OM, WA4ILY-Pic are having a lot of fun with their new RTTY.

W4TDK-Naomi, who is a legal secretary by day, has been re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer of the SPARC (St. Petersburg Amateur Radio Club). That'll keep her out of mischief during all her SPARE time.

W4WPD-Shirley is well along to completing her course as a beautician. Good work, Shirley, we'll be seeing you to make us beautiful.

Welcome to the new members of Floridora, who joined at the Hamboree: WA4AEO-Dixie Forrestal, Sugarloaf Key, Fla.; W4EHN (ex K6UHI)-Betty Coleman, St. Cloud; and K1HUI/4-Fran Baptist, Miami.

As there has not been any news in Florida Skip for the Floridora since September, we wish all members a happy birthday for those having birthdays in the months passed. Listed for February birthdays are as follows: W4BAV-Cathy; WA4FJF-Ellen; K4JGU-Mildred; W4UEW-Helen; W4-WPD-Shirley & W4WYR-Evelyn.

As I rushed to complete this column for Skip deadline, it was quite a shock to receive the sad news that our Floridaddy, W4FE-Art passed away over a week ago. Our heartfelt sympathy to K4ANR-Ruth (Floridora Sec. 1960) & Son.

The Florida Side-Banders Assn.

By Jesse Morris, W4MVB

The FSBA met in meetings number 304 through 308 during January. Those attaining PEP during January were Bill, W4OGX and Herb, W4IRA.

Mr. Louis Sicolo, WA4MOL of Palm Bay was certified as member number 254 on January 9. Mr. John D. Jennings, WA4WYL of Marathon, Florida was certified as member number 255 on January 30.

The highlight of the month was of course the Miami Hamboree. There were a good number of FSBA members at Miami and about 25 of them were in attendance at the annual sidebanders breakfast at the Alcazar Hotel on Sunday morning. Dick, W4BTM had made the arrangements as usual. Tom, W4FP won a prize and W4DKJ's name was pulled out of the box but Art had already left for Ft. Myers. We were very glad to see Dick, WA4FIJ who has just returned from a year in Viet Nam.

The FSBA has another member in Viet Nam at this time also. Walt, W4BOK is serving over there now but hopes to be back in Florida by July.

The association had a total of 126 paid up members as of the January 31 deadline for dues. This is a net gain of twelve members for the year ending January 31.

Bart, W4SCY gave a report on the project for The School for the Blind in St. Augustine which the assn. is supporting. Bart reported that there will be two stations set up at the school. One would be for use by the boys and the other for the girls. Another antenna is needed and it will be built and put up in the near future. Another tone oscillator is also needed and Don, K4QAY is taking care of that. This is a very worthwhile project and we hope to have Bart make a full report on the project when it is over.

The association heard several fine programs during the month. Among them was a program by Tandy, K4YSN on the National Traffic System. Tandy explained to the members how the system worked to move traffic from one place to another.

All members of the FAST net are reminded that as of January 1, 1966 the West Florida Phone Net meets at 2300Z on 3950 Khz. Since this is only ten Khz up from our net we should be careful not to go up in frequency and interfere with their net. So far the arrangement has worked out very well and it is a lot easier to move traffic between nets when they are close together.

I hope all of you make it through February without getting your finals frozen and I will see you here next month. 73.

De W4MVB

FLORIDA S.E.T.

This year's annual Florida Simulated Emergency Test will be Saturday May 7th. All Florida emergency coordinators are urged to start making plans to participate. One tip—you'd better get out your portable generators and check your mobile units.

FLORIDA SKIP will carry more details in the next two issues. Needless to say we'll throw in a few "bugs" to make the test interesting and different. Mark your SKIP calendar for May 7th, 1966. Test will run about 6 to 8 hours only.

73
W4IYT/W4MLE
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Operating from his neat shack in Miami Springs we have Dick Servias, K4LYG in contact with HR6KP in Trujillo Honduras. Dick ran countless phone patches for medical supplies and to many doctors around the Miami area. See his report elsewhere in this issue. (Fla. Skip photo)

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ARMY MARS

By AD4IHH, Ass't Dir., Fla. 2.

Well the Miami Hamboree has come and gone, and a fine time was had by all. Thanks to the efforts of the Miami guys and gals, the Mars Booth was outstanding, and many questions about ARMY MARS were answered by those who manned it. The meeting on Sunday afternoon was well attended, and members were given excellent talks by the Deputy Mars Director, Wade Nelms, as well as Colonel Keyser and Joe Ziglinski, from ARMY MARS. Joe presented an excellent tape recording of a recent broadcast on the Mutual Radio Network on the establishment of MARS stations in Viet Nam.

Members attending the meeting included AL4AJC, AA4AO, A4BWR, A4DRD, AA4EBG, A4-EHW, A4ELR, AD4ESG, AD4-ESL, AD4ESM, A4FBS, A4FP, AD4GFK, A4HGP, A4HOS, AD4-IHH, A4IYT, AA4KHT, AA4-KKZ, A4AQS, AD4KUD, AD4-LUO, AA4PME, AA4PMF, AD4-RLG, AD4SJH, AD4TBM, AD4-TZI, A4VPQ, A4WHF, and AD4-WVE. It's possible I may have missed someone, and sry if I did.

Thanks to Wade some fine prizes were sent down by Fort Mac., and just about everyone went away with some fine gear. The "Lone Ranger" from Florida one, AD4RDP, was the only one from there... and although we missed more from Fla. 1, we were all glad to see Bill.

Thanks to June, AD4ESL, for her work in turning out the latest roster listing for Fla. two, and to Larry, AD4RON, for his help with the listings for Fla. one.

Do you have two meter capabilities? If so, how about joining the gang on the two meter nets each week! Fla. 1 net meets on Wednesday nights and Fla. 2 on Tuesday and Thursday nights. If you're not sure you can get in to net control, or would like to run some checks on your gear, send a Marsgram to A4HLO in Fla. 1, or AD4-WVE or AD4IHH in Fla. 2. These stations will be glad to sked any members at any time. So, how about it?

DX TIP

SKIP received a nice letter from Noel B. Eaton, VE3CJ, Director ARRL, Canadian Division which advises he will be operating ZF1BP in Grand Cayman from Feb. 1 to March 15th. They will be using c.w. and ssb on most all bands. Sorry we didn't have this for last months issue. Good hunting.

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WANTED: Large quantity of new Model 28 Teletype parts. Send list of what you have and asking price to Fred Schmidt or send for want list. Also buy-sell-trade 14s, 15s, 19s, and parts. Want TMs and unused quantities of tubes. Fred Schmidt, W4NYF, 405 NW 30th Terr., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33311, Lu 3-1340.

FOR SALE: HT-37 transmitter $225.; Gonset 101 linear $165.00; Drake 2B $175.00. Package deal $525.00. All equipment in very good shape, will demonstrate on air. Harry E. Cudney, Jr., WA4KNA, 1541 NE 11th St., Homestead, Fla. 33030, 348-1712.

WANTED: One half KW spark Marconia ship board type. Also No. 1 3 and 4 ARRL Handbooks. Top price. John N. Allender W3CJN, 901 Overbrook Road, Baltimore, Md.

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FOR SALE: Waters 334 Dummy load-wattmeter, $69.00; Collins 62S-1 VHF converter; Collins KWM-2; Waters 516F2 Q mult. All factory new condition. J. W. Gregory, K4OCK, 6495 Killian Drive, Miami, Fla. 33156, MO 1-7576

FOR SALE: Code practice oscillator Signa Tone with speaker, vol/tone, 110 v. ac. $11.00. 20 watts 12 inch speaker housed in black metal cabinet. $10.00. it has 500 ohm or 8 ohm input. Pierson KE-93 mobile amateur band receiver with a.c. and d.c. Pierson power supplies and speaker. $65.00. RME 600 to 32000 kc preselector, make old receiver like new $20.00. Vibroplex bug with cord $9.00. AR-57 mike and cord. $4.50 with stand. Andy Clark W4IYT, 41 Lenape Dr., Miami Springs, Fla. 33166 Phone 888-3874.

FOR SALE: HT-37 in mint condition, original owner $225. TA33 Senior, perfect $60.00. Donald S. Konicoff, M.D., 40 SE 2nd St., Boca Raton, Fla., Phone 395-7616 days, 395-7056 nites.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: Globe Scout DeLuxe, LA-1 linear, S-38, BC-348M, BC-454B, Zenith Transoceanic H500, Elmac S-54, PMR-64 & M1070 PS; 1-814 and 1-832 tube, and 1-Jennings VC-12 vacuum capacitor. Consider trades for Hammarlund HC-10 or a good grid dip meter. Herb Peery WØGQR, Box 313, Trenton, Mo. 64683.

SPECIAL FOR LIMITED TIME ONLY: Open a new SKIP subscription for the regular price of $2.00 per year, and get a copy of the Greater Miami HAM PHONE DIRECTORY half-price for only $1.00 more, or three bucks total. FLORIDA SKIP, P.O. Box 501, Miami Springs, Florida 33166.

FOR SALE: 5 section B&W coax switch $4.00; Bud xtal freq cal FCC-90-B with PS $11.00; Cesco SWR meter LM 52 $15.00; Drake TV 1000W-6-30M-52 filter $9.00; 12AVS vertical used few hrs, cox con, pipe, etc $8.00. Ed Peckham W4DSD, 1745 NE 49th St., Apt. 111, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Phone 564-2055.

FOR SALE: VOM, Electronic Measurements Corp. model #104, like new condition, 20K ohm/volt basic, all ranges up to 20K ohms, $15.00 FOB or COD. Ray DeWageneire W4VWL, Star Rte., Jensen Beach, Fla. 33457

WANTED: Broken TA-33Jr beams for parts, please advise condx and price. John Attaway K4IIF, P.O. Box 205 Winter Haven, Fla. 293-2484.

FOR SALE: Orig stn declared surplus account new Collins lineup: 75A4 S/N 4423 $425.00 with spkr; 100V with factory installed 200V front-end audio $395.00; 600L amplifier and spare tubes $220.00; MM2 scope $60.00; all guaranteed A-OK, will deliver group 200 miles; $1000.00 net. Don Queeney W4ACT, 1870 Fourth St., So., Naples. Fla. Phone MI 2-4166.

FOR SALE: Late model Clegg 22er $165.00; late mod 913A Gonset linear 6 meters $235.00; both in original boxes. Paul VanBolhuis WA4TNJ 3404-32nd St. West., Bradenton, Fla.

Suspicion of others often stems from an accurate knowledge of ourselves.

FOR SALE: B&W 5100 xmtr, grid dipper. F. Steinberg W4YSY, 5611 NW 3rd St., Miami, Fla., MO 7-3295.

FOR SALE: TTY— Model 14 typing reperforator, complete with end of line indicator, cover, good condx $75.00. Chuck Plimpton K4QVD, 5519 Carissa Rd., Melbourne, Fla.

All to often a vacation means two weeks on the sand and fifty weeks on the rocks.

FOR SALE: QST complete clean issues for 1957 thru 59 and 61 thru 64; also CQ for 1959-60 all complete, going for best offer to make room in shack. Dr. Layton, K4HNS, 9150 SW 40th Terrace, Miami, Fla., Phone CA 1-8388.

Money talks, but today's dollar doesn't have cents enough to make much conversation.

FOR SALE: Collines KWS-1 xmtr with changeover relay and D104 mike. No reasonable offer refused. Burch Fawcett K4CHB, Rt. 1, Box 693M Tarpon Springs, Fla., Phone 937-4039.

Beautiful women—even if they can't add—can certainly distract.

FOR SALE: Drake 2B and xtal calibrator $175.00. Dennis McDonald WA4KFE, 406 Tequesta Dr., Jupiter, Fla., Phone 746-4774.

Wherever used, the two little words "Thank you" are powerful ones.

WANTED: B&W FC-30 filament choke, Johnson type D #153-11 and #153-12 variable capacitor, Eimac chimney for 4-1000A, 15 or 20 mfd @ 5KV filter capacitor, 2-speed tapedeck stereo or mono with or without preamp for vert or horiz mounting. Larry Kleber, K9LKA/W9CPD, Belvidere, Illionois 61008, Phone 815-544-2075.

A go-getter is one who makes hay from the grass growing under other people's feet.

FOR SALE: Clegg Interceptor B $280.00 and Zeus xmtr $375.00; Globe Chief DeLuxe $45.00; Hallicrafters SX-140: $60.00. Other goodies, list for SASE. Bill Carmichael WA4EVQ, 263 NE 8th St., Homestead, Florida 33030, Phone 247-4547.

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Operating from the wilds of Trujillo, Honduras at the Hospital Salvador Pardes in QSO with W4MVB (Jacksonville), K4YLG (Miami Springs) and other we have L: R Dr. Walter Sackett, M.D. of Miami and Miss Jean Garber R.N. of Lancaster, Pa. Jean is chief Opr of HR6KP and Dr. Sackett, second operator. HR6KP is the only communication with the outside world from Trujillo. Their only is a HW-32. See front page story by M4MVB last month and another by K4YLG in this issue. We have hopes of getting the HR6KP story next month. (Photo via K4YLG)

Operation Honduras

By Dick Servais, K4YLG

This chapter of the Honduras story covers the operations as seen by Dick Servais K4YLG in Miami Springs starting January 2, 1966.

While I was reading the mail and checking band conditions one evening the landline broke in and a friend asked if I could talk to Jean Garber in Trujillo, Honduras with my "Hamstu set." He explained that Dr. and Mrs. Walter Sackett of Miami were going down there and were worried because of lack of communications to the area. He wondered if I could make contact and let the doctor talk on my "Phone BATCH" because there were many things the doctor had to know before he departed.

Time was short and so was the information regarding time of day, frequency and call letters. After a few telephone calls the time and call letters were decided upon but the frequency was unknown. I promised to try.

The next day I tried but didn't have much confidence because of loose fit information and heavy QRM. The next day was worse because I was reminded several times that I was on the "net frequency." I was feeling pretty low because I had failed my friend and also because Dr. Sackett was depending on me to keep him in touch with his family, office and other doctors while he was in Trujillo.

Things looked better that night when I got a radiogram from W4MVB in Jacksonville (see page 1 Feb. Skip) implying that I had been heard but on the wrong frequency and informing me that I had a sked for the next day. His information was good news and the next day I made contact with HR6KP. The frequency used was sandwiched between two nets and Jean's (a YL Nurse) a signal from HR6KP was weak. I couldn't put Dr. Sackett on the patch, which was "Chinese", because an uneducated ear would draw a pure blank. After many "please repeat" I made another schedule with Jean for the following day.

Dr. Sackett came to my shack and things began to take shape. The doctors talked and made many pages of notes, arrangements and medical lists. Dr. and Mrs. Sackett now felt much better knowing that communications were possible and they left Miami the next day, loaded down with much needed medical supplies and equipment, and some apprehension.

It had now been proven that communications could be established in this remote area of the world. Many people were depending on it for such a worthy cause it was up to radio amateurs to provide this public service. Dr. Sackett made immediate and repeated use of this service to request additional urgently needed medical supplies and equipment. These requests were relayed to his office along with packing and shipping instructions.

Band and operating conditions during the ensueing weeks for the most part remained less than ideal but because of the patience and ability of "chief op" Jean at HR6KP all schedules were met and all messages were passed.

Most Amatuers remember some experience they've had on the air or some rare one they've worked. I'm sure that I'll long remember January 26 when band conditions were very good and the frequency was clear. I was reading all parties in Miami Springs while Dr. Sackett in Trujillo talked to Dr. Fisher in Jacksonville and Dr. Sterns in Lake City. At the same time Dr. Hirschman, K4TCV, was on the patch from Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. When this consultation ended Dr. Sackett was patched into his office where he consulted with his nurses and Dr. Dunn and Dr. Dix.

It is considered a privilege to be able to serve these folks connected with the Mission Hospital Project and I want to thank Fred HR2AFK/MM, Ken K4VOF and Whit W4VV for their assistance during this phase of the operation. I would also like to pin a special rose on "chief op" Jean at HR6KP. Her demonstrated ability as a radio operator under very difficult conditions is nothing short of commendable. She is a welcome addition to ham radio.

de K4YLG
(The Young Loose Goose)

Western Florida News

Frank M. Butler, Jr.. W4RK

QFN needs more W. Fla. C.W. operators. These regulars need your assistance: K4BSS, K4LAN, WA4ECY and K4VND in Pensacola, W4BVE in Ft. Walton, WA4IMC and K4VFY in Panama City, and W4MLE in Tallahassee.

Pensacola: W4PAA got a nice writeup in Navy Gosport for his traffic handling with the USS Independence. K4SOI worked several ZS6 stations on 10 meters. W4VMS is back on ten. K4VND received ORS & OES appointments. K3NYX is training at NAS. W4UUF is working on a 432 Mc. rig.

Milton: K4HOX is on 145.2 Mc. with two homebrew rigs. K4NMZ was appointed OES. Ft. Walton: W6RTD/4 designed and built his own 12v DC to 115v AC inverter, and now runs 1 KW mobile on all bands. W4-BVE visited several QFN members in E. Fla. during his trip to Miami Hamboree. WA6EDE, WILBV, K7CMH and WB4CVQ are newcomers on 145.2 Mc. net.

Defuniak: WB4BYO will be on 2 meters soon.

Panama City WA4NRP made contact with W4MVB, near Jacksonville, on 2-meter CW. WA4FIJ is back on RTTY; looking for W. Fla. contacts. PCARC members WA4IMC, WA4VNM, WA4OLP, WA4NLD and WA4FIJ took part in March of Dimes radiothon.

Auction - Fest

Auctionfest time again!

Broward Amateur Radio Club proudly announces its 10th ham radio auction and anticipates a record-breaker this year.

With the time and place well established by tradition, all that remains to be announced is the date -- Saturday, March 19, 1966.

As in previous years, the place is the Armory in Ft. Lauderdale; the time, doors open at 8 a.m. and auctioning starts at 10. The Armory is at SW Fourth Ave. and SW 24th St. (SR 84).

The always-humorous Chuck Bolvin, W4LVV, now ARRL Southeastern Division Director, presides again as auctioneer.

The Broward Country club helped the gang turn over $1800 worth of gear last year. Can they beat this year? Go and see!